



Meloni Wray <mwrap@cravencountync.gov>

---

## Voting Site HJ Macdonald Middle School

3 messages

---

**'Gerry Stickney' via Craven County Board of Elections** <cravenboe@cravencountync.gov>

Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 10:31 AM

Reply-To: Gerry Stickney <gjstickney@fedex.com>

To: "cravenboe@cravencountync.gov" <cravenboe@cravencountync.gov>

Cc: Gerry Stickney <gjstickney@fedex.com>

To whom it may concern. This was my first time voting in New Bern, and frankly I was concerned and disappointed with the process. My biggest concern is that children were arriving at school while voting was taking place with no apparent measures taken for their safety and security. With all the voters arriving by the droves in cars it was a dangerous situation in my opinion. Why not just close school for the day? Compounding that issue is that there was no signage instructing people where the voting was taking place, what driveway(s) to use, where to park, etc. Putting signs up along Elizabeth Ave and in the parking lots and/or having people directing traffic would make it a much smoother and safer process for everyone, especially the children.

As for the voting process inside, many of the volunteers seemed put out when you asked them a question. In fact, some were downright rude. Why volunteer for such an important event if you're going to have a bad attitude towards people you're supposed to be helping? This was very disappointing and wholly unexpected!

Lastly, it's voting day. Everyone knows who they are going to vote for by now. Do we really need to walk through a sea of volunteers campaigning for their candidates and telling us who to vote for once again? Give the voters a break and tell the campaigners to leave their signs at home so we can vote in peace.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Gerry Stickney

---

**Meloni Wray** <mwrap@cravencountync.gov>

Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 11:08 AM

To: gjstickney@fedex.com

I am sorry that your experience was not as you expected.

I have talked to the precinct officials at H J MacDonald.

Due to the hurricane we are having to vote 2 precincts there this election which has increased the numbers. We have signage and we will put up more signage when we are out there.

As far as the campaigning, it is allowed out side of the 50 ft marked buffer zones.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Meloni M. Wray, CNCEA, CERA  
Director of Elections  
Craven County Government  
406 Craven Street  
New Bern, NC 28560  
Office: 252-636-6610 ext.2700

Fax: 252-636-6687  
Cell: 704-473-8901  
[mwray@cravencountync.gov](mailto:mwray@cravencountync.gov)

*"Democracy only survives if citizens and voters feel that the process is just and allows all of us to express our viewpoints through our ballots." Doug Lewis*



E-mail correspondence to and from this address may be subject to the North Carolina public records laws and if so, may be disclosed.

[Quoted text hidden]

---

**Gerry Stickney** <[gjstickney@fedex.com](mailto:gjstickney@fedex.com)>  
To: Meloni Wray <[mwray@cravencountync.gov](mailto:mwray@cravencountync.gov)>

Tue, Nov 6, 2018 at 11:10 AM

Thank you for your response and consideration, it is much appreciated!

Gerry

**From:** Meloni Wray [<mailto:mwray@cravencountync.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 6, 2018 11:08 AM  
**To:** Gerry Stickney <[gjstickney@fedex.com](mailto:gjstickney@fedex.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Site HJ Macdonald Middle School

I am sorry that your experience was not as you expected.

I have talked to the precinct officials at H J MacDonald.

Due to the hurricane we are having to vote 2 precincts there this election which has increased the numbers. We have signage and we will put up more signage when we are out there.

As far as the campaigning, it is allowed out side of the 50 ft marked buffer zones.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Meloni M. Wray, CNCEA, CERA  
Director of Elections  
Craven County Government  
[406 Craven Street](#)

New Bern, NC 28560

Office: 252-636-6610 ext.2700

Fax: 252-636-6687

Cell: 704-473-8901

[mwray@cravencountync.gov](mailto:mwray@cravencountync.gov)

*"Democracy only survives if citizens and voters feel that the process is just and allows all of us to express our viewpoints through our ballots." Doug Lewis*

[REDACTED]

E-mail correspondence to and from this address may be subject to the North Carolina public records laws and if so, may be disclosed.

[Quoted text hidden]